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March 16, 2005

Mr. Paul Kulpa
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Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI 02908-5767

Dear Mr. Kulpa:

SUBJECT: FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE SURVEY (EBS) NAVAL STATION
NEWPORT, NAVY HOUSING, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

Our letter of August 4, 2004 advised your department of the Navy's plan to lease and transfer property associated with Navy Housing at Naval Station Newport, RI. A copy of the Environmental Baseline Survey (EBS) document for this property was also provided. Your letter of September 10, 2004 provided EBS comments. Our letter of November 17, 2004 provided the response to the comments. The lease and transfer of property (from the Navy to GMH Military Housing-Navy Northeast, Limited Liability Company (LLC)) was completed this past Fall.

Your letter of January 14, 2005 forwarded an evaluation of the Navy response to comments. The following additional information is provided:

The EBS process completed by the Navy included a review of records, a site survey and interviews. Personnel familiar with: the housing property, the environmental records and available documentation participated in the EBS. We believe an adequate effort was completed and no additional EBS activities are planned by the Navy.

Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) was one of the environmental factors evaluated as part of the EBS. Based on the completed review there are no known releases of PCBs from the current or previous transformers located on this property. We believe that there is no need to perform sampling.

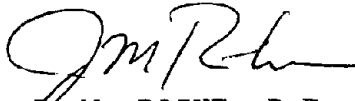
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As requested, enclosed is a copy of the Lead-based paint Inspection/Risk Assessment and Asbestos Survey. The necessary follow up actions were identified and addressed as part of the completed lease and transfer. The LLC is responsible for completing the actions and ensuring compliance with applicable regulations.

Regarding arsenic, our November 17, 2004 response discussed the Navy Installation Restoration soil sampling completed as well as the additional sampling conducted on behalf of the LLC. As explained in that response, no further Navy actions is planned. The Navy provided a release notification form on November 5, 2004 to meet the procedural requirement of RIDEM's Waste Remediation Regulations. However, since there have been no historical releases at these sites which could account for the arsenic detected in soil, and because the arsenic data set collected at these sites is comparable to data collected from other background sites, the Navy has concluded there is no release.

Thank you for your letters. We believe that above information and our November 17, 2004 letter provide a complete response.

Sincerely,



J. M. ROCHE, P.E.
Supervisory Environmental Engineer
By direction of the
Commanding Officer

Enclosure:

1. Lead-based Paint Inspection/Risk Assessment and Asbestos Survey for Residential Property Transfer, Naval Station Newport RI July 2004 (CD Copy)

Electronic Copy to (w/o encl):

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